



30 Day Recycling Challenge

Waste isn't waste until it's wasted! Give household items a second life with our **30 day recycling challenge**.

<p>DAY 1</p> <p>Celebrating? Switch to reusable gift bags, reuse old wrapping paper or get creative with newspaper, clothing or pillow cases.</p>	<p>DAY 2</p> <p>Before purchasing a product you only intend on using once, ask your friends, family or co-workers if you can borrow theirs. Think books, ball gowns and baking equipment.</p>	<p>DAY 3</p> <p>If you can't borrow what you need, try your luck at an op shop before purchasing brand new.</p>	<p>DAY 4</p> <p>Replace single use plastic containers with reusable glass dishes for any meal prep and food storage.</p>	<p>DAY 5</p> <p>Keep reusable shopping bags in your car or handbag to avoid the risk of forgetting them at the front door.</p>	<p>DAY 6</p> <p>One reusable cup can keep hundreds of disposable coffee cups out of landfill. Find one you love and incorporate it into your morning ritual.</p>
<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Before disposing of an item ask yourself 'could this be used by someone else?' If yes, drop it in your nearest charity collection bin.</p>	<p>DAY 8</p> <p>Convert any old sheets and towels into reusable rags. Simply cut to whatever size you need.</p>	<p>DAY 9</p> <p>If you already have enough rags, drop your towels and sheets at your closest animal shelter.</p>	<p>DAY 10</p> <p>Looking for ways to entertain the kids? Find endless arts and crafts ideas online using recycled household materials.</p>	<p>DAY 11</p> <p>Switch your paper napkins and towels to cloth.</p>	<p>DAY 12</p> <p>Use empty jars as a glass, vase or for food storage and plant propagation.</p>
<p>DAY 13</p> <p>When upgrading your electronics, sell your old device after factory resetting.</p>	<p>DAY 14</p> <p>Where possible, shop high quality they may cost more initially but are more inclined to last longer or perform better.</p>	<p>DAY 15</p> <p>Sheets of paper used on only one side can be kept for note-taking or rough drafts.</p>	<p>DAY 16</p> <p>Donate your read books and magazines to schools, charity or nursing homes.</p>	<p>DAY 17</p> <p>Egg cartons make great seed pods and can even be planted with the seedling when it's time to repot.</p>	<p>DAY 18</p> <p>Use wine corks to silence cupboards. Cut into thin pieces to glue on the inside corners of cupboard doors to keep them from slamming shut.</p>
<p>DAY 19</p> <p>Coffee pod grounds can be used in the garden before washing and recycling the foil capsules. Scrunch several into a ball and place the foil in your yellow lidded bin.</p>	<p>DAY 20</p> <p>Swap your plastic toothbrush for bamboo, then reuse when you're done to clean more than just your teeth. Old toothbrushes are perfect for cleaning hard-to-reach spots.</p>	<p>DAY 21</p> <p>Shoe boxes make great storage containers and are easy to label or decorate to suit their new purpose.</p>	<p>DAY 22</p> <p>Empty wine bottles have array of additional uses, including water jugs and candlestick holders.</p>	<p>DAY 23</p> <p>Reuse food scraps by creating a home compost bin or worm farm. Once decomposed, add to your garden soil for a nutrients boost.</p>	<p>DAY 24</p> <p>Keep the region's second-hand economy alive by joining local buy and sell groups. They are a great space to find a bargain or on sell your preloved items.</p>
<p>DAY 25</p> <p>Fill empty milk bottles with water, freeze and use as ice when fishing or in the case of an emergency during blackouts, etc.</p>	<p>DAY 26</p> <p>Boxes, especially packing boxes, are always in high demand. Before throwing them in your recycling bin see if they can be reused via word of mouth or local buy, swap, sell groups.</p>	<p>DAY 27</p> <p>Give your old furniture another lease on life – drawers hung on a wall make for great shelves, and wobbly chairs are a plant stand in the making. Get creative and design something truly unique.</p>	<p>DAY 28</p> <p>After your cup of tea, place your used tea bag in the refrigerator and re-purpose it later in the day to relax your eyes. Cool tea bags do wonders for eye puffiness and irritation.</p>	<p>DAY 29</p> <p>Paper towel and toilet paper rolls can be put to great use by slipping them over wrapped cables and extension cords to keep them from tangling.</p>	<p>DAY 30</p> <p>The uses for old, clean condiment bottles are endless. Try pancake batter or icing to create an easy-to-clean breakfast or beautiful cupcake designs.</p>